

INTERESTS OF WESTERY

Owners of Oyster Grounds at Odds With Light and Power Company—Getting Ready for New Post Office—Miss Gertrude Gaffney Wins Prize in D. A. R. Essay Contest.

The most inconsistent union men in Westery are the shavers and hair cutters that formed the Barbers' union. This union has been organized, reorganized, disbanded and been dropped and disfranchised perhaps more than any other in Westery.

About two years ago this union took a fresh start and established rules and regulations that were violated almost from the start, and in part by this action all the working barbers in the town did not affiliate with the union. Interest waned and now there is no barbers' union in Westery. The charter has been revoked by the national association by the national officers for the non-payment of per capita tax, and as one of the union men, tried and true, puts it: "The former union barbers of Westery are now 'scabbing' on the Journeymen Barbers' National Union of America."

Lessons of oyster grounds in Kittle Narragansett bay and along the Pawcatuck river, the tributary thereto, are finding fault with the injury done their property by the alleged filth of the product from the plant of the Westery Light and Power company. The claim is made that the stuff flows down the river, the only substance floating on the surface, while the sediment settles and damages the oyster beds. Some of the oyster growers say that the matter has been taken up with local representatives of the company, and promises were made that the alleged nuisance would be abated, but the only stuff flows down the river just the same.

The owners of power and other boats in the Pawcatuck river are joining with the oystermen in their protest, as the floating, oily substance has its effect upon the white painted boats.

Civil Engineer McKenzie, who, assisted by Civil Engineer Woodward, is making surveys and measurements for the government in connection with the proposed postoffice building in Westery, has nearly completed preliminary work and forwarded the details to the supervising architect of the building site, and the engineers have been requested to forward the measurements and levels of this brook, which comes from the direction of Grove avenue, thence diagonally across Wilcox park, and enters under Broad street, just south of the present postoffice building and empties into the Pawcatuck river just above the Broad street dam.

This brook will not be as near the new building as to the present, and the brook levels are essential in planning for the building, as it will be utilized in connection with the sanitation equipment of the new building. In order to fix the exact location of the brook, sections of it were uncovered Friday. The brook is about three feet wide and of the same depth and is capped with heavy granite flagging. It is said the brook is never dry and when opened Friday it was a swift running stream about eighteen inches deep, the water being clear and odorless. It is expected that the plans will be ready for inspection by building contractors within a month.

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